AMENDMENT

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5. Object of the Amendment: Specification and Claims

6. Content of the Amendment

As per attached sheet.

- 1) A typing error on Page 9, line 7 of the Japanese text of the specification has been amended.
- 2) The following has been inserted between page 14, lines 8 and 9 of the specification (between lines 27 and 28 of page 16 of the translation): "Gas permeability = 3000 mL/min x 60 min/50 cm 2 /PmmAq 2 .
- 3) The text "a plain woven cotton cloth ... with a fabric thickness of 0.3 mm obtained using spun cotton yarn of 200 µm thickness using a conventional fiber size of 20 μm with a fabric thickness of 0.3 mm" on page 14, line 17 of the specification (page 17, lines 6 - 9 of the

translation) was changed in the order of words for improving Japanese.

- 4) "wt%" on page 14, line 25 (page 17, line 17 of the translation) and "mass%" in English on page 17, line 14 (page 20, line 7 of the translation) of the Japanese text of the specification have been amended to --mass%--in Japanese.
- 5) The text "Examples 11 and 12" on page 19, line 8 of the specification (page 22, line 15 of the translation) has been amended to read "Examples 5 to 8".
- 6) Claim 9 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1.

7. List of Attached Documents

Revised pages of specification (page 9, page 14, page 14/1, page 17 and page 19) (page 16, page 16/1, page 17, page 20, and page 22 of the translation)

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Revised claims (page 22) (page 25 and page 25/1 of the translation)